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In re: Middeldorp et al.

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Filed: December 21, 2001

For: *PEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES RELATED  
TO THE EPSTEIN BARR VIRUS*

Date: February 27, 2002

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed February 13, 2002, please enter the following Amendment to the Specification

**In the Specification:**

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

PEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES RELATED TO  
THE EPSTEIN BARR VIRUS

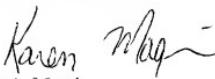
The present invention relates to peptides immunochemically reactive with antibodies to the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV), nucleic acid sequences encoding these peptides, monoclonal antibodies against these peptides, cell lines capable of producing monoclonal antibodies and anti-idiotype antibodies. The invention also relates to recombinant vector molecules comprising a nucleic acid sequence according to the invention and host cells transformed or transfected with these vector molecules. The invention is further concerned with immunological reagents and methods for the detection of EBV or anti-EBV antibodies and a method for the amplification and detection of Epstein Barr viral nucleic acid.--

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#### REMARKS

This amendment is being made to insert the Abstract to the Specification. A copy of new page 51 is attached.

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